

## Peas For Peace

### Activists Begin Food Drive

By MARGARET LILLARD  
Associated Press Writer

Activists in New Hampshire have vowed to collect one can of food for each of the United States' 23,500 nuclear weapons to demonstrate their belief that the federal government shortchanges the poor in favor of the military.

"Every time we read anything about the polls in this country, people are saying the main problem in this country is the (federal budget) deficit," Concord Mayor Elizabeth Hager said yesterday as picketers stood in front of the State House.

"At the same time, we see in Concord over and over and over again concern about property taxes, which go for the support of our very basic needs in this community. . . . And yet we're spending more money for U.S. military spending right out of Concord than we are on those basic needs," N8-3350.

There are a number of group gotten involved in the activities for Saturday, August 19. The Boosts a morning pancake breakfast, the tion, Soccer Club, Scouts and PTO with various events or booths. If you participating call Hannah and John

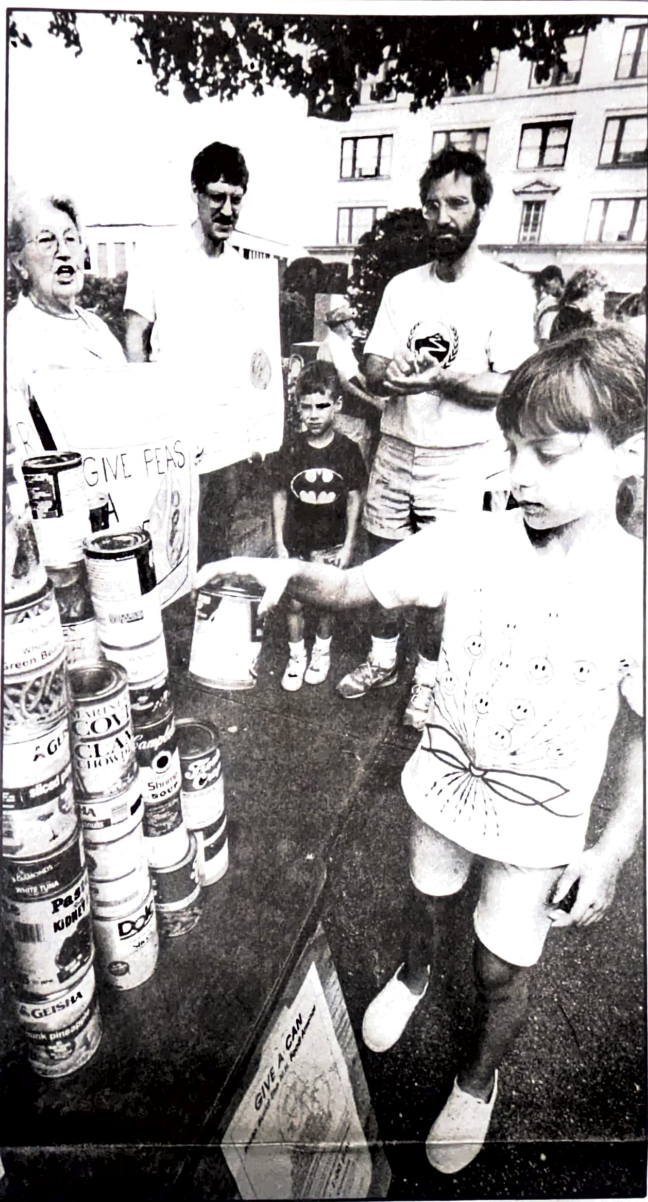
The group is commemorating the 44th anniversary of the atomic bombing of Hiroshima and Nagasaki by vowing to collect one can of food for every nuclear weapon stockpiled by the country.

The United States dropped atom bombs on the two Japanese cities to hasten the end of World War II. The bombings were the first — and only — non-test uses of nuclear weapons.

"It is a disgrace that 156,000 people in New Hampshire are hungry for some period each month," said Katherine Buck, the peace organization's program coordinator. "No one, in this country rich with resources, should ever have to go to bed hungry."

Hager joined the group of about 60 to kick off the campaign. She and other speakers were applauded by demonstrators carrying signs that read, "Let's put the military budget on the table," and "Give peas a chance."

Buck said her group will work with churches, peace groups and other organizations statewide to collect 23,500 cans of food. The drive is to end Oct.



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## Council Reviews Housing Report

### Concerns Include Taxes, Stigmas

By PAUL SHREAD  
Monitor Staff Writer

Concord city councilors liked a long-awaited report on affordable housing problems, but they disagreed with some of the recommendations.

They liked the fact the city was considering new ways to approach the problem, and wasn't relying on tax money to do it.

But some councilors wanted to make sure the homes would be spread out around the city, because of concern about the stigma facing people in affordable housing projects. Others were concerned that such homes wouldn't pay enough taxes to pull their weight, and wanted towns around Concord to build affordable homes.

Members of the Affordable Housing Task Force, which drafted the report, told the council the homes would be spread out around the city. And they said the council would get the final say on all the recommendations.

"Concord has done far more than other towns in the region in promoting affordable housing," said lawyer Raymond D'Amante, vice chairman of the task force. "But we decided not to point fingers. We wanted the report to be a positive thing that would promote affordable housing."

Rather than relying on the federal government or taxpayers, the report recommends encouraging developers to build affordable housing and making it profitable for them to do so.

To accomplish that, the committee would like the city to allow developers to build more homes than normally allowed on a tract of land, allow them to use less expensive building materials and techniques, speed up the approval process for affordable housing projects and reduce the cost of off-site improvements such as roads and curbs.

The report also recommends other approaches, such as using Federal Community Development Block Grants for housing projects and working with the newly formed Concord Area Trust for Community Housing to help tenants buy their property from their landlords.

The committee hopes the council will endorse a policy statement supporting its work next week. The report would be sent to city departments and the planning board to work out the specifics.

Councilor Kenneth McDonnell was concerned that people who lived in affordable projects would face the kind of bias faced by residents of Concord Housing Authority's Jennings Drive project. "Right away you're labeled as a project kid," McDonnell said. "I don't want to create an affordable housing kid."

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homes. Affordable homes would be encouraged in every zoning district.

"We want to avoid that to the extent that you might not even know you were driving by an affordable home," D'Amante said.

D'Amante said he would like the city to allow a developer to build 20 percent more homes in a project if the additional homes were for low and moderate-income families. Those homes would not be charged anything for roads and utilities, resulting in less expensive homes. The city would pay for the roads and utilities.

The city could split any equity the affordable homeowners built up, said Stephen Duprey, a developer and committee member, to get back the money it invested in the project. The city could then use the equity to help someone else be able to afford the home, or use it for an affordable housing project elsewhere.

Councilor Michael Gfroerer was concerned that the report encouraged mobile home parks too much, and Councilor Dennis Brown said mobile homes had a shorter life span than other homes.

"It's difficult to build up equity in mobile homes," Gfroerer said. "My concern would be that we would set up a permanent class of people living in mobile homes."

But D'Amante said mobile homes are the only homes some people will ever own, and are better than they used to be.

Councilor Robert Washburn was concerned that encouraging more affordable housing in Concord would hurt taxpayers, because the taxes on the homes wouldn't be high enough to cover the city services they used. He and Councilor James Mackay wanted neighboring towns like Bow and Hopkinton to build more low-income housing.

But Duprey said businesses needed lower-income workers to prosper, and drawing business to town would lower taxes.

Washburn, the council's representative to the planning board, said many development requirements that the report recommended easing up on for affordable projects were intended to promote health and safety, like road width and drainage requirements.

City Planning Director Randall Raymond agreed. He said someone else would need to pay to improve things like roads, sidewalks and curbs later on.

"You can't avoid the costs in the long run," Raymond said. "The city didn't arrive at these standards overnight. They come from the mindset of public employees who are used to listening to complaints."

"We want to guard against the worse possible case. Maybe we have been overly zealous."

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table," and "Give peace a chance." Buck said he hoped a group will work with churches, peace groups and other organizations statewide to collect 23,500 cans of food. The drive is to end Oct. 21 with another demonstration in front of the Statehouse.



Annemarie Vaeni, 8, of Concord contributes a can to the pile of food at the State House.

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labeled as a project kid," McDonnell said. "I don't want to create an affordable housing kid."

But D'Amante and Councilor Anne MacIntosh, chairwoman of the committee, said new affordable homes could be spread all over the city, intermingled with other

possible cases. "I have been overly zealous."

Raymond liked the idea of letting developers who build affordable housing to build more homes, and he liked a recommendation to replace older affordable homes with new projects with more units.

# School Panels Plan Improvements For Writing Program

By EMILY LABER  
Monitor Staff Writer

Concord school officials hope to raise scores on an annual writing test by changing the way the test is given. They also plan to improve the way writing is taught by setting stricter requirements on what students are expected to learn and at what age.

The school board heard about writing from two committees last night. One had been formed to examine low scores on a writing test given to sixth, ninth and 11th-graders.

The officials hope to improve the scores by giving the test to small groups of students and by making sure students realize the scores will be reported to their parents.

The writing test was given in Concord this year and last year. Both times, students generally scored below what is deemed adequate for their grade level on grammar and other aspects of writing.

The test was developed and graded by a Dover company that tests writing for Maine and parts of Massachusetts. In it, students are asked to write short essays on given topics. Their work is evaluated according to six criteria: topic development, organization, support of the argument, sentence structure, word choice and mechanics.

The scoring scale ranged from 1 to 6, where 6 was "outstanding," 5 was "very

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good," 4 was "adequate" and 3 was "inadequate." Students' median scores mostly fell between 3.5 and 4.1, both years.

Many school board members said they were disappointed with the scores.

A committee formed to examine the test told the board last night that the test is a good indicator of how well Concord students write.

But certain measures could be taken to help students do better on the test, according to committee member Tom Polisenio, who is principal of Kearsarge Regional Middle School and an intern with the Concord district this summer.

Scores should be reported to parents and included in a student's permanent record,

## Schools Will Pay For Daytime Field Trips

Daytime field trips organized by Concord schools will not cost parents anything from now on. The school board finalized a new field trip policy last night.

In the past, parents have been asked to pay between \$1 and \$4 for day trips, which could consist of anything from a visit to an apple orchard to a day on the ski slopes.

Now parents will no longer be asked to pay for the day trips their children take, because the school board will cover that expense. Parents may contribute to a general field trip fund if they wish.

The school board has still not decided, however, what to do about the longer, more expensive school-organized trips students sometimes take during weekends or school vacations. Some classes take overnight trips to Washington, D.C., for example, and

foreign language students sometimes spend time in other countries such as Mexico or France.

The parent-teacher organizations often hold fundraisers to help pay for those trips, but the parents of the students who go usually still end up having to pay a fee.

Parent complaints about the expense of one of those trips — \$35 for a four-day trip to Cape Cod for sixth graders — inspired the board last month to examine all field trips and formulate a policy governing them.

Board members have asked school administrators to find out about insurance liability and other costs associated with longer field trips. At its next meeting, Sept. 5, the board will discuss what to do about those trips.

— Emily Laber

Polisenio said. Students would take the test more seriously if they knew people were looking at how each of them scored, not just at the overall results, he said.

The committee also suggests the test be given in a setting that allows students to concentrate, Polisenio said. Giving the test to

small groups of students in their regular classroom is probably the best situation, school board member Tom McGahan said this morning.

The other committee that reported to the school board last night about writing was the three-year-old Language Arts Committee.

Chris Rath, chairwoman of the committee, gave board members a 48-page draft of the committee's findings. The draft will be given to teachers before the start of school.

The Language Arts Committee has divided communication into five kinds of skills students need to learn: reading, writing, viewing, listening and speaking.

The draft given to the school board last night includes guidelines for the level of competence students should have achieved in these areas by the time they leave high school.

In the area of writing, the draft says that graduating students should be able to write in three different styles: descriptive, expository and persuasive.

They should also have learned that writing is a six-step process, the guidelines say.

The first step in the writing process is coming up with ideas about a topic; the second step is writing a first draft; the third step is speaking with a teacher or peer about what has been written; the fourth and fifth steps are revising and editing; and the sixth step is sharing the final version by publishing it or giving it to others to read.

The district plans to retrain teachers about how to teach writing. On Sept. 1, teachers will attend a workshop on writing with speakers including Donald Graves of the University of New Hampshire.

# State Lawmakers Told Story Of Surrogacy Deal That Failed

By DOINA CHIACU  
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A surrogate mother and her daughter traveled from Boston to Concord yesterday to warn of the dangers of the practice.

"Surrogacy stinks," said the daughter, Vienna Rothberg, who's 11. Her mother Diane gave birth 2½ years ago in a surrogate contract and has filed a lawsuit to get her child back.

Vienna Rothberg said her family feels the absence of their surrogate brother, now living in California.

"Sometimes I even cry about all the time I can't be with my brother," she said. "If there was no surrogacy, this wouldn't have happened."

The Rothbergs testified before a legislative committee that has drafted legislation to regulate surrogate parenting in New Hampshire. The bill would forbid surrogate parenting for profit, require judges to approve contracts beforehand and give surrogate mothers three days after the birth of their child to reconsider.

The Rothbergs were the only people to testify. Sen. Elaine Krasker, a member of the committee, said the group would take another month before finalizing the bill, to consider their arguments and seek advice from doctors, lawyers and judges.

Rothberg, 37, who said she had not read the latest draft of the bill, warned of the dangers of profiteering. She implied profits will be made on the fly.

"If you sign a bill that allows for surrogate contractors, you'll have every sleazy broker from here to Katmandu on your door and you'll deserve them," Rothberg told the committee.

Krasker said this morning that the bill doesn't allow brokering a surrogacy contract for profit. She said yesterday that, since there already have been 20 to 40 surrogacy agreements consummated in New Hampshire, a state law regulating them could exist.

"Brokering would be people who make money off of it. They would be soliciting people to do this for a fee and they would take a percentage of that fee. We're absolutely going to prohibit that," said Krasker.

Rothberg also said the draft's stipulation giving a woman 72 hours after birth to change her mind about giving up her baby sounds good on paper, but would not be effective in a real situation.

"Seventy-two hours is not enough," she said. She said the pressure and emotional confusion that plague the surrogate mother, who Rothberg calls a contract mother, make that option unrealistic.

Krasker said the committee spent considerable time discussing the length of the reconsideration period. It picked 72 hours because that is the same period for reconsideration of adoptions.

"What happened to that woman was awful, and what happened to her is exactly what we want to avoid."

(Monitor staff writer Felice Belman contributed to this story.)



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Diane Rothberg comforts her daughter Vienna during their testimony on a plan to regulate surrogacy.



# Obituaries

## Esther A. Cail

FRANKLIN - Esther A. (Bryson) Cail, 88, formerly of Morrill Court, Franklin, died today at the Franklin Regional Hospital.

She was born in Bristol and grew up in Franklin. She had lived in Manchester, Conn., for a few years and returned to Franklin in 1966.

For many years, she worked as a knitter at the former Sulloway Hosiery Mills.

She was a communicant of St. Paul's Church in Franklin.

She was the widow of Lynn S. Richardson, who died in 1940 and of Harry A. Cail who died in 1952.

She leaves a stepson, Harry A. Cail Jr. of Lacomia, a stepdaughter, Geraldine Pierce of Manchester, Conn., two step-grandchildren and step-great-grandchildren; a brother, Louis Bryson of Thornton; a sister, Katherine Vachon of Lomita, Calif.; several nieces and nephews.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated Thursday at 11 a.m. at St. Paul Church, Franklin. Burial will follow in Franklin Cemetery.

Calling hours are Wednesday from 7 to 9 p.m. at the H. L. Young & Company Memorial Home, 175 S. Main St., Franklin.

## Irma L. Stott

Irma Lovejoy Stott, 87, of 105 Rumford St., died Aug. 3 at the Harris Hill Nursing Home in Boscacon.

She was born in Groveton and had been a Concord resident for most of her life.

She was a school teacher and had taught in Candia, Merrimack and Andover.

She was a member of the West Milan Methodist Church and a graduate of the Tilton Seminary, Class of 1919.

She was the widow of the late Edward J. Stott, who died in 1968.

She leaves cousins.

Private graveside services were held today at Blossom Hill Cemetery.

The Bennett Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

## Lucy Morin

HOOKSETT - Lucy (Lemay) Morin, 99, formerly of 78 Merrimack St., died Monday in the Mount Car-

mel Home in Manchester after a brief illness.

Born in Hooksett, she lived in the area many years before moving to Manchester in 1973.

She worked as cook in several New England area homes. Among her employers were Dr. J. Bremmer of Boston, and the late former Gov. Francis P. Murphy of Nashua.

She was the widow of the late Henry Morin who died in 1917.

She leaves two sisters, Yvonne Sevigny of Woonsocket, R.I. and Lilian Freeman of Barre, Mass.; nieces and nephews.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at Thursday at 11 a.m. in the Holy Rosary Church in Hooksett. The Rev. Fernand Croteau, pastor, will be the celebrant. Burial will be in Holy Rosary Cemetery.

Calling hours are Thursday from 9 to 10:30 a.m. at the Petit Funeral Home, 167 Main St., Pembroke.

## Ruth R. Heath

CLEARWATER, Fla. - Ruth R. Heath, 84, of Clearwater, and formerly of Concord, died July 31 at her home.

She was born in Derry and lived in Concord for more than 60 years, moving to Florida in 1971.

She was a member of St. Michael the Archangel Catholic Church in Palm Harbor, Fla.

She was a member of bridge clubs at Doral Villas Mobile Homes and at the Top of the World Condominiums.

She leaves a son; three daughters; a brother; two sisters; 20 grandchildren; 18 great-grandchildren; nieces and nephews.

Memorial Services will be held Friday at 10:30 a.m. in St. John the Evangelist Church on South Main Street.

Memorial donations may be made to the Hospice Care Program of Pinellas County, Inc., 300 East Bay Drive, Largo, Fla. 36640.

## Ralph W. Kief

QUINCY, Mass. - Ralph W. Kief, 80, of Quincy, Mass., and father of an area resident, died Sunday after a long illness.

He was born and raised in Boston, Mass.

He was a pipefitter for The Mercury Company in Norwood, Mass., from the early 1940s until his retirement in 1972.

He was a member of the Local 537 Pipefitters Union. He was also an avid ham radio operator.

He leaves his two sons; a daughter, Virginia M. Urdi of Bow; a brother, two sisters; five grandchildren and a great-granddaughter.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated Friday at 10 a.m. at St. John's Church in Quincy, Mass. Burial will follow in Mount Benedict Cemetery in West Roxbury.

Calling hours will be held Wednesday and Thursday from 2 to 4 and 7 and 9 p.m. at the Keohane Funeral Home, 785 Hancock Street, Quincy, Mass.

Memorial donations may be made to the Christina Maria Pavoglio fund, 19 Putnam Road, Bow, N.H. 03301.

## Stephanie L. Berube

PEMBROKE - Stephanie L. Berube, 2-month-old daughter of Reginald Berube and Sheila Patnaude, of 138 Main St., died Aug. 6.

She was born in Hanover.

In addition to her parents, she leaves a brother, Shane Berube of Pembroke; her paternal grandparents, Donald and Gaetanne (Boutin) Berube of Allenstown; her maternal grandparents, George Patnaude Jr. of Concord, and Sarah (Smith) Patnaude of Manchester; paternal great-grandmother, Rose Beauchemin of Colebrook; maternal great-grandparents, Lorraine Smith of Nashua and George and Marie Patnaude Sr. of Nashua.

Graveside services will be held tomorrow at 2 p.m. in St. John the Baptist Cemetery in Allenstown. The Rev. Raymond Demers will officiate.

There are no calling hours. The Petit Funeral Home of Pembroke is in charge of arrangements.

## Gertrude M. Kenny

CONWAY - Gertrude M. Kenny, 94, mother of an area resident, died Aug. 6, in Clipper Home, Wolfeboro, after a lengthy illness.

Born in Lynn, Mass., she lived most of her life in Massachusetts before moving to Conway in 1948.

In the early 1900s, she taught dancing in Lynn, Mass. During the 1930s, she worked as a commercial artist in Springfield, Mass.

She leaves two daughters, including Eleanor Corliss of Webster; four grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren; nieces, nephews and a cousin.

Funeral services will be held Wednesday at 11 a.m. in Furber and White Funeral Home, North Conway. The Rev. Dr. Richard Wilcox will officiate. Burial will be in Conway Village Cemetery.

There are no calling hours. Memorial donations may be made to the Conway Rescue Squad, Conway 03818.

## Blanche M. Clark

HILLSBORO - Blanche M. (Palmer) Clark, 93, of Red Fox Crossing died Aug. 6 in Hillsborough County Nursing Home in Goffstown.

Born in Sutton, she lived in Newbury for 40 years and in Sunapee for 10 years. She lived with her daughter in Hillsboro for five years, until mov-

ing to the Hillsboro County Nursing Home.

She attended schools in Warner and was a member of the Lake Sunapee Grange and the Kings Daughters, Newbury.

She was the widow of the Erwin W. Clark, who died in 1972.

She leaves a daughter, Grace C. Barwood of Hillsboro, a son, Paul L. Clark of Houston, Texas; 13 grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren; a sister, Maude Palmer of Manchester; nieces and nephews.

Funeral services will be held tomorrow at 2 p.m. in the Woodbury and Son Funeral Home in Hillsboro. The Rev. Harold Morcombe will officiate. Burial will be in West Cemetery, East Alstead.

There are no calling hours. N.Y., several nieces and nephews.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated Wednesday at 10 a.m. in St. Mary's Church, Contoocook. The Rev. Andre Thibodeau, pastor, will be the celebrant. Burial will be in Contoocook Village Cemetery.

Calling hours are tonight from 7 to 9 p.m. in the Contoocook Chapel of

the Holt Funeral Home. Memorial donations may be made to the Hopkinton Rescue Squad, Hopkinton 03229.

## Robert F. Shannahan

CONTOCOOK - Robert F. Shannahan, 79, of Main Street, Contoocook, died Sunday in his home.

Born in Binghamton, N.Y., he lived in Connecticut and moved to Contoocook in 1981.

He was a World War II veteran and served in the European theater.

He was a manager for the First National Stores, Conn., prior to retiring.

He was a communicant of St. Mary's Church.

He leaves his wife, Kathleen (O'Carroll) Shannahan of Contoocook; two sons, Robert T. Shannahan of Weare and Michael J. Shannahan of Norwalk, Conn.; a daughter, Gail S. Rucker of Farmington, Maine; a grandchild; a brother, William Shannahan of Endicott, N.Y.; a sister, Marion Mihalko of Binghamton,

# News Of Record

## Winner

The three-digit number 9-0-9 and the four-digit number 9-6-3-7 were drawn yesterday in the daily New Hampshire, Vermont and Maine lotteries.

## Births

Nine children were born August 3 at Concord Hospital.

Sons were born to Thomas and Marian Akey of Concord; Paul and Carol Dirico of Merrimack; Leslie Jr. and Diane Greenleaf of Concord; James and Patti Potter of Peterborough; Robert and Nancy Lee Simpson of Bow; and Terry Anne Smith of Concord.

Daughters were born to Robert

and Roberta Gaynor of Contoocook and Peter and Lisa Jones of Penacook; and Alan and Laura Chandronnait of Concord.

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Six children were born August 4 at Concord Hospital.

Twin sons were born to Timothy and Karen Gamble of Boscacon.

Sons were also born to Scott and Meredith Birklund of Deerfield, James and Heidi Massey of Boscacon; Charles and Irene McCormick of Weare.

A daughter was born to Robert and Deborah Uhasz of Weare.

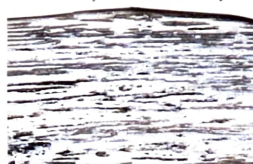
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Four children were born Saturday at Concord Hospital.

A daughter was born to William and Stephanie Papajohn of Manchester.

Sons were born to James and

Robert Kott of Wolfeboro; Frank and Katherine Lucia of Concord; Craig and Kimberly Marton of Danbury.



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A son was born to Mark Davis and Linda Mitchell of Hooksett.

Daughters were born to James and Barbara Bennett of Center Stratford; Thomas and Kelly Hebble of Goffstown and Jeffrey and Stacy Kruger of Concord.

# Weather

## Local Forecast

Mostly sunny and pleasant this afternoon with highs in the mid 70s, 21C. Northwestern winds, 5 to

The Accu-Weather Forecast for 8 A.M., Wednesday, August 9



By MARYBETH LAPIN  
Monitor Staff Writer

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If the council refuses to turn the school over to the school board, the school board could get a court order to get control of the building, Wickens said.

Jane Soule, school board chairman, said the board had not discussed getting a court order. She expects that once the councilors see the site, they will give the key to the school board. The councilors will tour the building and grounds Aug. 21, before the regular school board meeting.



# Weather

## Local Forecast

**Mostly sunny and pleasant this afternoon with highs in the mid 70s, 21C. Northwesterly winds, 5 to 15 mph. Mostly clear to night with lows 45 to 50, 7C to 10C. Sunny tomorrow with highs in the mid to upper 70s.**

## Local Data

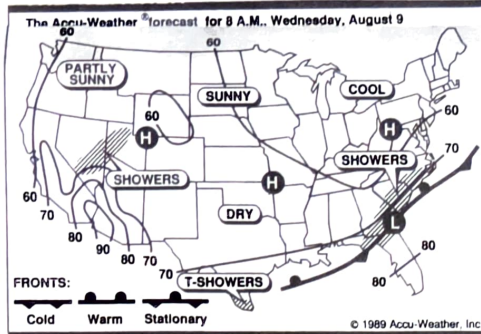
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Lowest temp. this a.m., 57, 14C  
Mean temp. yesterday, 72, 22C  
Normal mean temp. today 69, 21C  
Excess in temp. this month, 28  
Warmest day this month, 89, 32C, 6th  
Coldest day this month, 49, 9C, 1  
Comparative temperatures:  
Highest yesterday, 97, 36C, 1876  
Lowest today, 42, 6C, 1929  
Degree Days yesterday, 7 cooling  
Total precip. yesterday, .32  
Total precip. this month, .75  
Excess of precip. this month .05  
Sunrise tomorrow, 5:44 a.m.  
Sunset tomorrow, 7:58 p.m.  
Length of day, 14 hours and 14 mins.  
Phase of moon, 1 quarter on the 9th  
Portsmouth tides tomorrow  
High, 4:55 a.m., 5:11 p.m.  
Low, 10:52 a.m., 11:35 p.m.  
The National Weather Service broadcasts weather information continuously at 162.40 on the high frequency FM band from Concord.

## For The Traveler

**Boston area**  
Tonight, partly cloudy. Low around 60.  
Light northwest wind. Tomorrow, mostly

## The Weather Elsewhere

Temperatures indicate previous day's high and overnight low to 8 p.m.	HI	Lo	Prc	OK
Albany, N.Y.	75	64	clr	
Albuquerque	83	64	clr	
Amarillo	73	61	89	clr
Anchorage	65	55	48	rn
Asheville	79	65	cdv	
Atlanta	87	73	clr	
Atlantic City	83	66	97	clr
Austin	86	76	cdv	
Baltimore	81	73	cdv	
Billings	84	58	cdv	
Birmingham	86	70	05	clr
Bismarck	83	62	clr	
Boise	98	64	cdv	
Boston	84	71	02	cdv
Brownsville	93	75	cdv	
Buffalo	65	55	cdv	
Burlington, Vt.	71	64	clr	
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Cheyenne	72	48	57	cdv
Chicago	72	52	clr	
Cincinnati	72	57	clr	
Cleveland	68	58	03	clr
Columbia, S.C.	93	72	clr	
Columbus, Ohio	68	53	02	clr
Concord, N.H.	82	64	clr	
Dallas-Ft. Worth	75	73	26	cdv



sunny. High 75 to 80. Outlook Thursday, partly sunny, high 75 to 80.

### Mass., Conn., R.I.

Partly cloudy tonight. Low in the 50s and low 60s. Mostly sunny tomorrow. High in the 70s and low 80s.

### Maine

Mostly clear tonight. Lows from the mid 40s inland to the mid 50s at the shore. Mostly sunny tomorrow with highs in the mid to upper 70s.

### Vermont

Clearing and chilly tonight. Near record low temperatures in the 40s. On tomorrow, partly sunny. Highs in the mid 70s.

## Extended Outlook

### New Hampshire

Fair Thursday and Friday. Fair Saturday, except for the chance of rain along the coast. Highs in the 70 to lower 80s. Lows in the 50s to lower 60s.

### Mass., Conn. R.I.

Fair Thursday and Friday. Chance of showers Saturday. Highs 75 to 85. Lows 55 to 65.

### Maine

Fair Thursday. Chance of showers north and fair south Friday. Chance of showers north, chance of rain along the coast and fair elsewhere Saturday. Highs in the 70s to lower 80s. Lows in the 50s.

### Vermont

Dry and seasonable. Highs lower 70s to lower 80s. Lows in the lower 50s to lower 60s.

# Readiness Of Middle School

By MARYBETH LAPIN  
Monitor Staff Writer

**FRANKLIN** — City councilors want to inspect the new middle school before they give control over to the school board.

The Franklin Middle School is nearly completed, said Mayor Chester Wickens. Now, the building committee is supposed to turn the key over to the city council and the council, in turn, must give control of the building to the school board before the school can open.

But councilors who had seen the site recently said the school was far from finished, and taking responsibility for the building would be premature.

"People are still working over there. There's a million things that could happen. To me, completion is when everybody's out of there," Councilor Dennis Reed said.

Wickens said delay could mean the school would not open as scheduled on Sept. 5. "If I don't turn the key over,

the school will not open," Wickens said.

If the council refuses to turn the school over to the school board, the school board could get a court order to get control of the building, Wickens said.

Jane Soule, school board chairman, said the board had not discussed getting a court order. She expects that once the councilors see the site, they will give the key to the school board. The councilors will tour the building and grounds Aug. 21, before the regular school board meeting.

Soule said the school and grounds should be finished by Aug. 26, the day of the opening ceremonies. "We're assuming that things will be turned over on the 26th," she said.

Councilor Gerry Audet said the council's hesitation shouldn't be seen as a strike against the school. "It's a matter of control. They can still use the building, but if we accept it looks like we'll have some legal liabilities up there. This is what we see as protection for the city while there's still equipment and work going on."

## Of Note

State and Local  
News Briefs

## Continental Adds To Fare

Beginning tomorrow, customers of Continental Cabvision will be able to keep tabs on everything from tornadoes in Tampa to symphonies in Seattle.

The company has added the Weather Channel along with Arts and Entertainment and Merrimack's Channel 60, which broadcasts University of New Hampshire sports, to its basic programming line-up.

The new channels will not cost extra money, said Concord general manager Chuck Mancuso.

Arts and Entertainment, drama and comedy, will appear on channel 26, former channel of the defunct WNHT-TV (21). Mancuso said the station is the most requested channel by area cable customers.

The Weather Channel will appear on channel 38. The channel provides national, regional and local weather forecasts 24-hours-a-day. It also offers local emergency weather updates and specials on the weather and the environment.

Merrimack's WGOT-TV60, which offers UNH sports as well as old movies and other programming, will appear on channel 40.

The new channels will be available to customers living in Concord, Pembroke, Allenstown, Hopkinton and Boscawen. Customers in Bow will receive the Arts and Entertainment channel and the Weather Channel but won't get Channel 60 until the cable system there is upgraded, sometime in September.

## Underhill School Registration

**HOOKSETT** — Registration for new students in grades kindergarten through second will be held on August 15th from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Underhill School on Sherwood Drive.

Parents may also register their children any time from August 21, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., until the beginning of school on September 5th.

Parents registering children for school must have their children's immunization records in hand, along with a copy of the birth certificate and social security card.

There will be an open house for all Underhill students on Thursday, August 31 from 6:30-8 p.m.

The students assigned to morning kindergarten will have their open house on Wednesday, August 31st from 6:30-8 p.m. The afternoon session kindergarten students are invited to the open house on Thursday, August 31. This will give all students and their parents an opportunity to meet their teachers and to see their school and classroom.

## Bristol Snakes Disappear

**BRISTOL (AP)** — Even in a lakeside resort, it's not the kind of call police get every day.

James Piper told police that while he was out Friday night, his two pet snakes disappeared. Piper, who lives on North Main Street, said his five-foot boa constrictor and three-foot python were missing when he arrived home early Saturday.

Piper said he had left a window open and believes that is how the snakes, which he said are not dangerous, escaped. Police Chief Barry Wingate said.

Ruth Simpson, Wingate's secretary, said that with Newfound Lake nearby, she initially thought the first report was about a five-foot boat.

"Then I saw the next item was a python and I said, 'Whoa, that was a boa, not a boat,'" Simpson said yesterday.

## Canterbury Convenience Sought

**CANTERBURY** — Plans for a gas station and convenience store will be reviewed at tonight's planning board meeting. The building has been proposed for West Road, just east of the Interstate 93's Exit 18.

The board will decide whether the application is complete, said Al Hodson, the chairman. If it is, the board may decide on the application, he said. The meeting is at 7:30 p.m. at the Sam Lake House.

## Strome Takes New Job

**BOSTON (AP)** — Richard Strome, who resigned last month as director of New Hampshire's Emergency Management Office, has taken a similar job with the federal government.

Strome, 59, has been named director of the Federal Emergency Management Agency for Region 1 out of Boston, effective next Tuesday. He will succeed Henry Vickers, who stepped down last week after five years in the position.

Strome, who was chosen by the White House and acting national FEMA Director Robert Morris, resigned from the state job July 6 and was succeeded by George Iverson. Iverson resigned as commander of state police.

A native of Exeter and a graduate of the University of New Hampshire, Strome ended a 24-year military career in 1977 and later became operations staff assistant to the state Senate under Senate President Robert Monier. He was appointed director of Civil Defense for the state in January 1983.



# About The Towns

## Courses

**Computer Class:** The Concord High School Community Education Department will offer a four-part computer class entitled "dBASE III Plus for Beginners" Aug. 14 to 17 from 6 to 9 p.m. Cost is \$145.

Christine Bell

## Community News



To register or for information on these and other summer workshops, call 225-0804.

## CONCORD

**West Concord Garden Club:** The club will hold a field trip to Pickity Place in Mason Thursday at 9:30 a.m.

**Bridge Club:** The James Garnis Duplicate Bridge Club will meet Thursday from 7:30 to 11 p.m. at the YMCA Senior Center, 15 N. State St., Concord. Those attending may come with or without a partner. For information, call Joan or John Cook at 225-6976.

**Bekdash Bingo:** The Bekdash Temple Shrine will sponsor bingo games on Thursdays beginning at 6:30 p.m. at Bekdash Temple on Pembroke Road.

**Elks Bingo:** The Concord Elks will hold bingo games Wednesday at 7 p.m. at the lodge on Airport Road.

## CHICHESTER

The selectmen meet on the second and third Tuesday evenings of each month at 7 p.m. If you are interested in being placed on the agenda call the secretary at 798-5350.

There are a number of groups who have already gotten involved in the activities for Old Home Day set for Saturday, August 19. The Booster Club will sponsor a morning pancake breakfast, the Baseball Association, Soccer Club, Scouts and PTO will all be on hand with various events or booths. If you are interested in participating call Hannah and John West at 798-5783.

The Town Library is open each Tuesday and Thursday evening from 6-8 p.m. and on Saturday from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

## DEERFIELD

**Deerfield Citizens Information Association:** The group will meet Thursday at 7:30 p.m. at the Deerfield town library. Citizens interested in information about the town's government and other items of interest are welcome. This month, discussion will center on various governing board's votes and their considered impact on tax bills.

For information, call Harriet Cady at 463-9727.

## HENNIKER

**Henniker Rotary Club:** The club was recently presented with a check for \$5,521 by the club's auction committee which was raised at the club's July 15 auction. Proceeds benefit the Rotary area scholarships and charitable efforts during the year.



KEN WILLIAMS/Monitor Staff

Al Cantor, the executive director of Camp Mayhew, talks with some campers.

## Camp Mayhew Helps Boys Learn Trust, Self-Confidence

By CYNTHIA KNIGHT  
Monitor Writer

BRISTOL — When most boys first come to Camp Mayhew on Newfound Lake, they've got problems — with the law, with their parents. But there they are taught to trust others and learn to cope.

### People

Though Mayhew's campers don't necessarily have a criminal background, they are kids that might be prone to such behavior.

Mayhew employs what Executive Director Al Cantor calls a delinquency prevention program. The program, said Cantor, is designed to send kids home with a sense of trust in themselves and others. The program is based on challenges much like those in an Outward Bound program. As well as all-American activities like baseball and hiking, the kids are put through ropes courses and other obstacles that require the boys to work together.

"The boys learn to cope with problems even though they may still have special needs," said Cantor.

Mayhew was founded in 1969 on the grounds of the

Groton Island Camp off the shore in the town of Bristol. It is a non-profit program that scrapes by on the generosity of women's groups, churches, rotaries and commercial support. This year, for the first time in Mayhew's history, the state has given them a grant.

The program is only for boys. It has two, four week sessions each summer, with 42 boys attending each time. Though the program itself lasts little more than a month, the Mayhew staff continues to stay in touch with the boys throughout the winter and even makes visits to the boys' home and school. The boys are also encouraged to come back to Mayhew for a second summer session. At the end of their second year, they are graduated.

Mayhew is like most summer camps. Cabins line a hill under the shelter of old pines, the lodge houses a massive stone fireplace and opens to a beamed porch overlooking a sandy beach and Newfound Lake. The 10, 12 and 13 year-old campers at Mayhew are referred to Mayhew by school counselors, the clergy, social services and courts all over New Hampshire, though the boys are not required to come.

to 4 p.m. at association office, 8 Loudon Road, Concord. This confidential, walk-in clinic is open to both men and women. Cost for testing is \$15.

For information, call 225-5567.

## Volunteers

**Help Build Homes:** The New Hampshire Habitat for Humanity is seeking men and women to build houses for needy people. No experience is necessary. For information, call Gail Murphy at 225-7424 or Linda Mead at 798-5144.

**Mother Supporters:** Volunteers are needed for Parentcare, a community service program which matches a new mother in need of support and friendship with a trained volunteer.

If you would like to volunteer, call Nancy Chandler or Barbara Freeman at 934-2060 or write Parentcare, Franklin Regional Hospital, 15 Aiken Ave., Franklin 03235.

**Franklin Community Volunteers:** The Franklin Area Community Land Trust Inc. needs help with painting, wallpapering, and rehabilitating affordable housing. It also needs more volunteers to work with low cost day care and other community projects.

For information, call 286-7765.

**Music Volunteers:** New Hampshire Hospital is recruiting volunteers with musical talent. The musical volunteers are needed in the afternoon and evenings during the week.

For information, call Lucien Valade at 271-5231.

**Family Planning:** New Hampshire Family Planning Council is seeking individuals to work on special projects such as public relations, education, media or office work. For information, call 224-4394.

**Crisis Center:** The Rape and Domestic Violence Crisis Center is looking for committed volunteers to staff the crisis line. A comprehensive training program is offered to prepare volunteers to work with victims of violence. Volunteers are requested to cover two on-call shifts per month and attend monthly support meetings.

For information, call 225-7376.

**Make-A-Wish of New Hampshire:** This non-profit organization which grants wishes to children with life-threatening illnesses is seeking volunteers willing to donate time or money to their efforts.

For information, call 429-WISH or write P.O. Box 267, Bedford 03102.

**Help The Elderly:** The Merrimack County Nursing Home in Boscowen needs adult and teenage volunteers to visit with special needs residents, feed residents, and help with special events.

Adults, teenagers and families are welcome to schedule a tour of the facility. For information, call Tracey Phiney at 224-2284 or 796-2165.

**Trail Maintenance Volunteers:** Trailwrights, a volunteer hiking and trail building maintenance organization is seeking volunteers interested in learning trail maintenance or building or helping on future projects. No experience is necessary. Tools are supplied and there is no fee.

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## HILLSBORO

**Pressing Onward:** This support group designed to meet the special needs of those suffering from various addictions will meet Thursdays from 7:30 to 9 p.m. at the Valley Bible Chapel. The group is a confidential meeting for men and women who struggle with drug abuse, alcoholism and eating disorders, and who are at 4 p.m. at association office, 8 Loudon Road, Concord. This confidential, walk-in clinic is open to both men and women. Cost for testing is \$15.  
For information, call 225-5567.

**W.I.C.:** The women, infants and children program and the C.S.F.P. Commodity Supplemental Food Program of Belknap-Merrimack Counties Community Action Program offers free food, nutrition, education, health care referral and screening to pregnant, breastfeeding women, infants and children under the age of six, and women post-partum for a full year after the baby's birth.  
For information, call 934-3445 between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m.

**Cancer Support Rotary Club:** The Concord Hospital's social services department offers support groups for cancer patients and their families. The groups meet every other Wednesday from 7 to 8:30 p.m. at the hospital. There are no dues.  
The Bereavement Group meets on alternate Thursdays from 3 to 4 p.m.  
For information, call the social services department at 225-2711, Ext. 3872.

## HOPKINTON

**Second Chance Thrift Shop:** The shop, sponsored by the Women of St. Andrew's Church, is open Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. The shop offers a wide variety of household items and quality clothing.

## NORTHFIELD

**Story Hour:** The Hall Memorial Library of Tilton-Northfield will offer a story hour Thursday at 11:10 a.m. Songs and games will also be featured.

## NORTHWOOD

**Planning Board:** The board will meet Thursday at 7 p.m. at the town hall.

## PENACOOK

**American Legion Post 31:** The post, along with the Sons of the American Legion Squadron 31 will meet Thursday at 7:30 p.m.  
The auxiliary will also meet Thursday at 7:30 p.m. for all officers.

## What's New?

If there's something going on that you want people to know about, let us know and we'll publish it on this page. Send your news to Christine Bell at the *Monitor*, P.O.B. 1177, Concord, N.H., 03302. Canterbury residents may call Jan Cote, 783-4090. Arthur Bettes, 485-9262, takes items for Allenstown and Pembroke. Chichester residents, call Candace Brehm at 798-5925.

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## SALISBURY

**Public Information:** The town of Salisbury will hold a public information meeting tomorrow at 7:30 p.m. at the town hall to discuss the proposed Cable 1 television contract. The selectmen decided to offer residents an opportunity to ask questions and comment on the contract before they signed it.

## TILTON

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## Organizations

**Temporary Emergency Food Program:** The Community Action Program Belknap-Merrimack Counties Inc. has USDA commodities available through the Temporary Emergency Food Program for use in meal preparation at new and existing soup kitchens statewide. The foods available are canned pork, lentils, kidney beans, canned grapefruit and orange juice, canned luncheon meat, dehydrated potatoes, canned sweet potatoes and flour.  
For information, call Nancy Adams at 225-3295 weekdays from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

**Homeless Hotline:** The Community Services Council of Merrimack County received a grant from the New Hampshire Division of Mental Health and Developmental Services, New Hampshire Emergency Shelter Grant-in-Aid Program, to establish a homeless hotline for New Hampshire citizens.

The hotline is designed to assist individuals and families who are homeless or potentially homeless. It maintains an up-to-date computerized listing of all services available to homeless and potentially homeless people in New Hampshire. Call 225-9000 or 1-800-852-3388 or TDD 225-4033 and 1-800-992-3312.

**Blood Pressure Check:** The Visiting Nurse Association of Manchester and Southern New Hampshire will offer a free blood pressure clinic Thursday at 12:30 p.m. at the Jewish Community Center, 698 Beech St., Manchester.

**Postpartum Depression:** A support group for women suffering from postpartum depression (PPD) meets the second and fourth Thursdays of the month at 7:30 p.m. in Concord. For information, call Mary-Sue Tuuri Jones at 224-1381.

**Single Parents Group:** The Riverbend Counseling Center will offer a group for single parents looking for the opportunity to grow through this stressful time and

gain support as they move toward this new identity.  
For information, call Jennifer Wildman at 228-1551.

**Central New Hampshire Corvair Club:** The club will meet Thursday at 7:30 p.m. at the Suncook Bank. For information, call Jim Turner at 225-3093.

**The Single Life:** The Amoskeag Chapter (Manchester) for singles over age 21 meets Thursdays from 8 to 10 p.m. For information on the locations, call 641-9661.

**Parentline:** This free service provided by the Child and Family Services of New Hampshire is in operation Mondays and Thursdays from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m., and Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. The line helps to answer everyday family and parenting questions such as discipline problems, school fears, nightmares, peer pressure. The number is 1-800-642-6436.

**Adult Children Of Alcoholics:** This Al-Anon affiliated group will meet Thursdays from 7:30 to 9 p.m. at the Community Mental Health Center at Bicentennial Square, 3 Market Lane, Concord. For information, call Bob at 224-3121.

**Gay Information:** The Gay Info Line of New Hampshire, an information and referral line for gays and lesbians throughout New Hampshire, has volunteers on duty seven days per week from 7 to 10 p.m. The number is 753-9533 or 1-800-451-2227.

**Physical Disabilities:** A peer support group for adults with physical disabilities will meet the second Thursday of each month from noon to 2:30 p.m. at the Granite State Independent Living Foundation, 105 Loudon Road, Building 4.  
For information, call 228-9680.

**Concord Coachman Barbershop Chorus:** Weekly rehearsals are held Thursdays at 8 p.m. at the West Street Ward House. The first Thursday of each month will be an informal guest night. Men who like to sing are invited to join the chorus. No experience is necessary.  
For information, call 224-0558 or 746-3518.

**Parent-Child Centers:** The centers, which are support groups for parents of preschoolers and their children, provide parenting information, crafts, guest speakers, field trips and discussions. While parents are meeting, children may participate in a preschool program of music, stories, games and crafts.

The Suncook center meets Mondays from 9 to 11 a.m. or noon to 2 p.m. at the Hooksett Congregational Church.

The Penacook center meets Tuesdays from 9 to 11 a.m. or 12:30 to 2:30 p.m. at the Immaculate Conception Church school.

The Pittsfield center meets Wednesdays from 9 to 11 a.m. or noon to 2 p.m. at the Christian Advent Church.

The Franklin center meets Thursdays from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. or 1 to 3 p.m. at the Central Baptist Church. All programs are free. For information or to arrange for transportation, call 228-1551, Ext. 218.

**Sexually Transmitted Diseases:** The Concord Regional Visiting Nurse Association offers a clinic to treat sexually transmitted diseases Thursdays from 3

Trail Maintenance Volunteers: Trailwrights, a volunteer hiking and trail building maintenance organization is seeking volunteers interested in learning trail maintenance or building or helping on future projects. No experience is necessary. Tools are supplied and there is no fee.

For information, write Trailwrights Inc., P.O. Box 225, Washington, N.H. 03280.

**Drivers Needed:** Volunteers to drive handicapped individuals to and from a support group are needed. For information, call 783-4133 Tuesday through Thursday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

**New Hampshire Citizen Action:** The group, which is concerned with fighting Seabrook, toxic waste and rising health care costs, is looking for volunteers. For information, call Heather Quinn at 225-2097 or visit the office at 8 N. Main St., Concord.

**Conservation Volunteers:** The Society for the Protection of New Hampshire Forests is looking for volunteers to work for this New Hampshire conservation organization. For information, call 224-9945.

**Timeshare:** The Community Services Council sponsors this program, which matches volunteers with developmentally disabled adults who need companionship and integration into the community. The council provides training and support. For information, call 225-7495.

**Audubon Workers:** The Audubon Society of New Hampshire seeks volunteers to assist with projects

## Stash That Trash

**HENNIKER** - The town's taken an official stance against litter.

In preparation for Old Home Days this weekend, the selectmen signed a proclamation designating this week Henniker Spruce Up Your Town Week - also known as Stash the Trash.

As Henniker grows, so does the roadside litter. Thus the following proclamation, made by the selectmen:

"Whereas August 11, 12 and 13 are Old Home Days in Henniker, N.H., Whereas the residents of Henniker take justifiable pride in the appearance of their community; Whereas the spirit of volunteerism still thrives in the Town of Henniker; therefore we hereby proclaim the period from Aug. 4-11 to be Henniker Spruce Up Your Town Week.

"Therefore we urge each Henniker resident to stroll along a chosen roadside carrying a bag in which to collect litter and trash."

Anyone interested in helping can call Bruce Wechsler at 428-7754 - or simply pick up litter.

and activities at the state headquarters and at various Audubon properties. For information, contact the Audubon House, 3 Silk Farm Road, Concord; or call 224-9909.

**Pro-Choice:** The National Abortion Rights Action League of New Hampshire needs volunteers to do office work, phoning and mailings, and to host house meetings. The NARAL is a pro-choice organization that works to keep abortion safe and legal. For information, call 228-1224 or visit the office at 30 S. Main St.

**Foster Grandparents:** The Foster Grandparent Program needs low income people age 60 and over to work with special needs children. Transportation reimbursement, a stipend and other benefits are provided. For information, call 228-1193.



## As the door turns

Federal regulation of the Seabrook nuclear power plant reminds us of nothing so much as a chase scene from a Saturday morning cartoon. You know the type — first the hunter has the gun and the moose runs. Then the moose has the gun and the hunter runs.

Last week, thanks to some digging by reporter Michael Mokrzycki of the Associated Press, we learned that many federal regulators and Seabrook consultants have been swapping roles. One public servant named Terry Harpster, once charged with reviewing Seabrook's evacuation plans for the Nuclear Regulatory Commission, now heads New Hampshire Yankee's effort to convince his former colleagues at the federal agency that the utility's bogus emergency plans will work.

In the opposite lane is Craig Konklin, a consultant who helped draft the emergency plans for Seabrook. He has joined Harpster's old office where he reviews emergency plans for Seabrook and has, on occasion, de-

The Monitor's view, written by its editors

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fended them before the NRC.

Even if those whirling through the private-public sector revolving door were able to maintain their objectivity, something we seriously doubt, the issue goes beyond the appearance of impropriety. It undermines the system as surely as if the judge and the plaintiff were to switch roles periodically throughout a trial.

New Hampshire Yankee's Alice-in-Wonderland evacuation plans will someday wind up in court. It should raise a judge's eyebrows when some litigant asks the utility "Who concocted these evacuation plans?"

The answer: "Tom, Dick and Harry?"

"And who ruled on their feasibility?"

"Harry, Dick and Tom, but they're working for the government now."

## A decade's demise

When did the 1960s, that mythical Aquarian age of peace and love, come to an end?

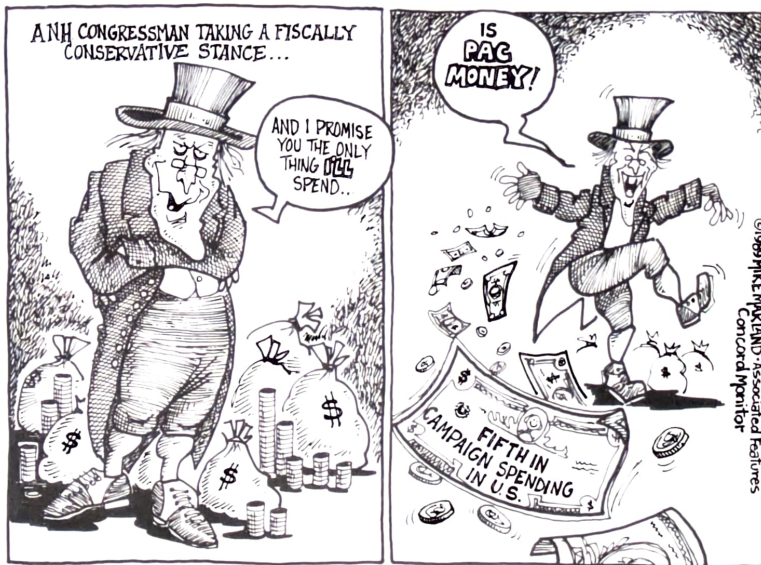
Did the decade die on Aug. 9, 1969, when the Manson family's victims were found — or on Dec. 6, 1969 at the Rolling Stones concert in Altamont, Calif., where security guards from the Hells Angels killed a fan — or on May 4, 1970, when four students were killed by bullets fired by members of the Ohio National Guard during a protest against the Vietnam War. Or maybe it was on Sept. 12, 1970, the fateful day Dr. Timothy "Tune in, turn on and drop out" Leary escaped from prison and fled to Algeria?

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ever be debated. We do not have the answer.

We do know when the day the '80s died. No, the decade did not succumb with the arrests of Ivan Boesky or Michael Milliken or the falls from grace of Jimmy Swagart and Jim and Tammy Faye Baker.

The 1980s, those wonderful material years, died last week, on Aug. 2, 1989 to be precise. That was the day the Connecticut-based Cuisinart Inc. filed for bankruptcy. Cuisinart had assets of \$34.5 million and liabilities of \$43.2 million. The assets, however, consisted largely of unsold but once trendy Cuisinarts. The company's lawyers didn't mince words. "A food processor is not the type of item that needs to be replaced every year, and the market has been saturated," said one.



## Admissions of Soviet land-stealing strike blow against longtime myths

By S. FREDERICK STARR  
For The Los Angeles Times

On Aug. 23, Estonians, Latvians and Lithuanians will mark the 50th anniversary of the pact by which Adolf Hitler and Josef Stalin assigned their countries to the Soviet Union.

A year ago the Soviet press broke a half-century taboo on the subject and now it is being discussed openly in Moscow.

But the same pact's secret protocols also assigned Finland to the Soviet sphere of influence. On Nov. 30, 1939, the Red Army attacked Finland and seized 22,000 square miles of its eastern-most province of Karelia, including Finland's second-largest city. Both remain part of the Soviet Union today.

Until now, the official Soviet line has been that Finland committed aggression against the Soviet Union, to which the Red Army responded with a "counterstrike."

In June, however, the reformist journal *Ogonyok* published an article titled "The Inglorious War," in which the author, a senior historian named M.I. Semiraga, shows the process by which the Soviet Union in effect grabbed part of Finland.

### Commentary

The "astounding and suspicious" manner in which the Red Army attacked Finland and then announced its mission to "free the Finnish people from the whip of capitalists and landlords" shows that Moscow's real aims went far beyond securing the approaches to Leningrad.

Semiraga then proceeds to commit the ultimate indiscretion: He denies the "lack of professionalism of the Soviet commanders at all ranks (during the Winter War), their inability to coordinate actions on the battlefields and their concern for the life and health of Red Army soldiers." Military attaches from both Hitler's Germany and the Western powers did not fail to observe all this, he reports.

Naturally, Hitler's generals concluded that the Soviet Union was "a colossus with feet of clay" and quite unprepared for war. This paved the way for Hitler's attack on the Soviet Union, with all its attendant suffering. Equally serious, the Red Army made such a poor showing against lit-

anything Hitler did, and one that cost 200,000 Russian lives besides. Myths are important to the extent that they buttress a government's sense of legitimacy.

To bring the forgotten Winter War from the shadows just as today's inglorious war in Afghanistan is being debated discredits hallowed traditions of Soviet foreign policy. Anyone in Moscow who absorbs this new information will be sympathetic to those calling for a clean break with the past in Soviet foreign policy and a fresh start.

The international dimensions of the *Ogonyok* article are yet more intriguing. Its clear implication is that Moscow's sole claim to those 22,000 square miles in Karelia derives from the fact that it seized them by force in 1939-40 and then managed to pressure the Finns to confirm that seizure through treaties in 1947 and 1948.

This being so, should not the Soviet Union give back part or all of this vast territory? And if it does, should it not give back to Hungary, Poland, Romania, Iran and Japan the territories it acquired from them through similar means?

President Mikhail Gorbachev has made clear that he does not consider the territorial integrity of the Soviet Union as it exists today to be up for negotiation. But should the Soviet

### Commentary

## Health care alarms

By RICHARD D. LAMM

SAN FRANCISCO — The ancient Greeks observed that "to know all is to know half." The cost of our inefficient health care system cannot continue to grow at more than twice the rate of inflation. Heretical questions must be asked.

"What chance is there that she will leave this unit alive?" The group of doctors look annoyed at my question. We were clustered around the bed of a 91-year-old woman in the intensive care unit of a university hospital. She had been in intensive care for two weeks, kept alive by a web of tubes and hoses.

The attending physician swallowed her personal resentment. "Very small, but every once in a while someone survives," she said. "Medicine must do everything possible as long as there is a chance."

America has approximately 87,000 intensive care beds, far more than any other country. An intensive care bed is the most expensive medical setting possible, usually staffed by one to one and one-half nurses per bed and surrounded by hundreds of thousands of dollars of high-technology equipment. They do save some people who would have been previously lost, but at a very high cost. They are thus symbolic of both our caring and our priorities.

Once people get into the health care system, we will spend fantastic amounts exploring a small chance of survival for them, yet 31 million Americans do not have basic health insurance and 30 percent of the kids in America have never seen a dentist. We have seemingly unlimited resources for patients in the system but painfully few for citizens outside the system. Our health care spending is reactive and reflective rather than reflective.

Thirteen percent of our patients, many of them terminal, account for more than 50 percent of our hospital costs, yet Medicaid covers only 40 percent of the people living in poverty and a million American families have one or more members denied health care yearly.

Almost 60 percent of Medicare's inpatient expenditures is spent on 12 percent of the recipients, too often for



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Now that everyone who wants and can afford a Cuisinart has one, the nation should be ready to go happily in the 1990s.

## Watergate tapes reveal betrayal of a country

By ARTHUR R. BRODSKY  
For The Washington Post

Richard Nixon has been in the news a lot the past couple of weeks. Approaching the 15th anniversary of his Aug. 9, 1974, resignation in disgrace from the presidency, Nixon is contemplating another trip to China, planning a new book, even talking baseball and foreign policy on television with Detroit Tigers manager Sparky Anderson.

That Nixon can claim any legitimacy these days is due, at least in part, to the fact that the tapes of his Watergate coverage will never be heard by most of the general public. Should those tapes, used as evidence in the trials of close Nixon associates, ever be broadcast, chances are Nixon's comeback would be stopped dead forever.

The words can be read, of course. But the real power of the tapes isn't in the words. It's in the voices. Listen to the Watergate tapes. Listen to Richard Nixon and his cohorts, and hear the voices of evil as a country is betrayed.

Evil isn't a partisan concept, an issue of Republican or Democrat. Evil is an absolute. Listen to Nixon as he talks with John Dean or H.R. Halde- man on tapes secretly recorded 16 and 17 years ago in the Oval Office, and the tapes will tell you more about corruption than any public congressional hearing or political show trial.

Nixon professed his patriotism as much as anyone. He popularized the American flag lapel pin. He sponsored "Honor America Day." He tapped the deep affection Americans feel for their country, writing the script from which George Bush reads.

These are some of the lessons people could learn if they could hear the Nixon tapes. Unfortunately, that's not very convenient to do.

As the result of a 5-to-4 decision by the U.S. Supreme Court in 1978 and some negotiations between the government and Nixon's lawyers, the ground rules were set: The public could listen to the tapes at the National Archives, but the tapes couldn't be copied or broadcast. When the tapes were first opened to the public in 1980, they were housed in a special listening room in the Archives, right on Pennsylvania Avenue.

In 1983, the trial tapes were

shipped off to an Archives annex in a desolate region of suburban Alexandria, Va., where moving vans go to die. The collection now open to the public is just 31 conversations, lasting altogether about 4½ hours, a small portion of the estimated 4,000 hours of conversations that were taped.

But the sad fact is that thousands of people daily can pick up a listening device at any of our museums on the Mall and learn more about dinosaurs that ruled the world millions of years ago than a presidential administration that ruled this country two decades ago.

(Arthur Brodsky is a senior editor for Communications Daily.)

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the Red Army responded with a "counterstrike." In June, however, the reformist journal *Ogonyok* published an article titled "The Ingolour War," in which the author, a former historian named M.J. Semiraga, shows the process by which the Soviet Union in effect grabbed part of Finland.

Semiraga notes that the Red Army had carefully prepared its "counterstrike" long before the minor incident that Stalin seized upon to justify his invasion. He shows, too, how Moscow rebuffed the Finns' proposal to talk following the incident. The Soviet commentator concludes bitterly that war may have been "the last resort of kings but not of statesmen in the civilized 20th Century."

Why did the Soviet Union beat up on Finland? Semiraga admits that the Finns could have done more to meet the Soviet's need to strengthen the security of Leningrad. But he also insists that for the Finns to have accepted the conditions on Leningrad that Moscow had set before them, they would have violated their country's neutrality and invited intervention from other quarters, notably Germany.

Naturally, Hitler's generals concluded that the Soviet Union was "a colossus with feet of clay" and quite unprepared for war. This paved the way for Hitler's attack on the Soviet Union, with all its attendant suffering. Equally serious, the Red Army made such a poor showing against little Finland that Paris and London were convinced that Moscow would be a weak partner in any alliance.

Semiraga in effect argues that any coolness on the part of the West toward helping the Soviet war effort was caused by Stalin's own foolish assault on Finland, and not by some visceral anti-Russianism on the part of the Allies. So much for Western revisionism!

What are the implications of all this for the present? For Soviet citizens, *Ogonyok's* astonishing revelations directly challenge the already weakened myth that their country has always acted as a "progressive" force on the world stage.

What *Ogonyok* describes is a case of naked aggression as cynical as

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### The down side

Jeffrey Hart calls, in the Aug. 1 *Union Leader*, for the establishment of a chair in representative government in memory of Sidney Hook. As a champion of democratic principles in literature and public debate, he may well deserve the honor.

I would wish to add to Hart's proposed curriculum:

Representative Government V — "Executive privilege and the abuse of the public mandate." Topics to include the assassination of Diem, the Bay of Pigs, the puppetry of the Shah of Iran, Reagan and the Contras, and, tragically, the Bush response to the June massacre in Tiananmen Square.

Obviously any study of republican forms of government should include its failures as well as its victories.

DAVID W. HILTON

### Give him a chance

After having read some rather negative articles concerning the fire chief recently hired for the Concord Fire Department, I would like to say that I for one welcome Chief Dionne to Concord and would like for us as a community to give him the benefit of the doubt rather than cast him in a negative light as the *Monitor* seemed to do.

Just because city hall has previously made some serious errors in judgment in hiring decisions for the top administrator in the fire department doesn't mean Chief Dionne will be as disappointing.

The articles written thus far by the *Monitor* staff haven't given him a fair shake. To say that he was

fired from the Burlington Fire Department is a lot different than what actually happened, which, as I understand, was that he did not have his contract renewed.

Let's give him a chance. He seems to be doing all the right things so far and not making the mistakes that have plagued his recent predecessors.

Let us hope that this Concord fire chief stays in touch with what is important, working for the citizens of Concord and not setting his own agenda.

Welcome to Concord, Chief Dionne!

MEREDITH STANLEY

### Honk at slobs

I am becoming more and more upset by the "the world is my ashtray" mentality displayed by some smokers. It amazes me to see these careless individuals discarding cellophane wrappers and butts out the windows of their cars and dumping their ashtrays onto our streets.

I realize that it is not all smokers who are acting in this manner. I would hope the smokers not engaged in this behavior, as well as non-smokers, would be just as outraged as I am. When I observe someone littering our streets and highways I drive up behind them and tap my horn or flash my lights. I am sure that some, if not most, would realize why. If enough people did this sooner or later, the slob's with the "the world is my ashtray" mentality would get the message.

FRANK CATANESE

Epsom

### A good reason to break the law

The article about our trial for trespassing at the Concord abortion clinic seems to suggest that there is something wrong or a little silly with speaking out about the evil of legalized child killing and with nonviolent opposition. So let me tell you why I did it.

There were many Christians in Germany during the Nazi era who did not personally participate in the atrocities of those times. Perhaps they disapproved. But by failing to speak and act in such a way as to demonstrate their opposition, they gave their tacit approval to a criminal policy and by not opposing it, encouraged it.

They lost a great opportunity to bear witness to Jesus Christ and to expose an evil of their time and their society, and perhaps to save lives. I'm afraid they will be embarrassed when they stand before the judgment seat.

I can't judge them, for I have done the same thing, and I know how terribly easy it is to stand by complacently when a great evil is going on all around you so long as it doesn't threaten you personally. Well, finally the Holy Spirit prodded me to do something. It will cost me at least a \$125 fine and a criminal offense on my record. Perhaps that has earned me the right to testify in court.

I want the official record to read that I spoke and acted in opposition to a great evil, protected by the state — child killing.

ROBERT W. MEARS

Franklin

Thirteen percent of our patients, many of them terminal, account for more than 50 percent of our hospital costs, yet Medicaid covers only 40 percent of the people living in poverty and a million American families have one or more members denied health care yearly.

Almost 60 percent of Medicare's inpatient expenditures is spent on 12 percent of the recipients, too often for marginal procedures.

In one corner of the hospital, we are squeezing a few more days of pain-racked existence out of people for whom there is clearly no happy outcome, yet 600,000 women gave birth last year with little or no prenatal care.

A hospital alarm goes off and the team rushes to resuscitate a man with prostate cancer. But an alarm has also gone off in our economy, and we ignore it at our peril.

We have among the lowest rates of investment in new plant and equipment in the industrialized world, yet there is a group of our brightest men and women using expensive Japanese machines and large amounts of our limited resources on frail bodies, many of whom everyone concedes will never leave this unit.

On this day four of the 12 people in the unit have virtually no chance of leaving the hospital.

In practically every town in America, the best building is the hospital (40 percent empty) and the worst a school (usually overcrowded). The highest paid professionals are doctors; the lowest paid professionals are teachers.

We are overtreating our sick and undereducating our kids. We spend more than other industrialized nations on health care, both in total dollars and percent of gross national product devoted to health care, yet we do not keep our citizens as healthy as they do.

The basic dilemma of American medicine is that we have invented more health care than we can afford to pay for, and yet we find it terribly hard to set priorities. We rush to rescue people in intensive care units to-day whom just yesterday we abandoned. We spend too much money on high-technology care for a few and too little on basic health care for the many.

There is a permanently unconscious woman in Washington, D.C., maintained on an artificial life support system who became comatose and vegetative in 1953. We have spent millions keeping her heart beating in a city whose infant-mortality rate exceeds that of many third world countries.

Health care in America has become a fiscal black hole that can absorb unlimited resources. We have the finest technological means in the world, but all too few are asking, "To what end?" But another alarm sounds in the hospital's intensive care unit, and we must be off on our mission of "mercy."

(Richard Lamm, former governor of Colorado, teaches at the San Francisco Medical School of the University of California.)



# Israel's grandstand play backfired into a political disaster

By CONOR CRUISE O'BRIEN  
For The Los Angeles Times

As the late Moshe Dayan once said, "Israel has no foreign policy, only a defense policy."

The Dayan dictum was confirmed by Israel's kidnapping of Sheikh Abdel Karim Obeid. As a military operation it was brilliantly successful. In its impact on Israel's foreign relations it is a disaster. And the full scale of the disaster has not yet emerged.

The Islamic response to the kidnapping — the announcement of the murder of U.S. Marine Corps Lt. Col. William Higgins — has proved horribly effective, politically speaking.

A major objective of Israel's enemies is to drive a wedge between Israel and the United States. And it is now clear that American hostages provide the ideal hammer for wedge-driving. All you have to do is to have an American hostage, threaten to murder that hostage in response to some unbearable Israeli "provocation" and then murder him.

Or, if you have already murdered him before the provocation took place, you can produce the proof of the murder after the provocation. Either way, you have produced an effective tap on that wedge.

The proof of that was provided by Sen. Bob Dole just after the announcement of Higgins' hanging. The Dole statement in relation to Israel was the most scathing made against Israel by any American political leader since 1957. And 1957 was by far the worst year in the entire history of Israel-U.S. relations, up to now.

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Some observers think that Dole consulted President Bush before he made that statement, and that his reference to Israel reflects the feelings of the president as well as of the senator. If so, the government of Israel has cause to be seriously worried, as I believe it now is.

In Iran and in Damascus, and at Palestine Liberation Organization headquarters, the strategists of the struggle against Israel will have studied the Dole statement with close attention.

They will rightly interpret it as meaning that there is marvelous political mileage to be made out of murdering American hostages and keeping a threat of murder suspended over other American hostages. A subtle variant is to appear occasionally in the role of "protector" of the hostages held by your clients.

The atrocity against Higgins, committed by the enemies of Israel, might have enhanced American feelings of being "on the same side" as Israel, had the circumstances been different. But as it is, it doesn't seem quite to be working that way.

The fact is that America does not appear to possess any effective mode of action against the captors of the hostages. The dispatch of U.S. warships to the Eastern Mediterranean may perhaps impress a part of the



\* From about \$0,000 feet

American public.

But it doesn't impress any of the armed factions of Lebanon. Those factions have seen American warships before. They have even seen American Marines. And they have seen the departure of the warships, and of the Marines, without their having accomplished anything.

It is true that there are things that could be done that would hurt Iran — a blockade of their oil exports, for example, but to do the things that would hurt Iran would be much more likely to result in more murders of American hostages than in their release; so that option is not worth much.

Some of the American frustration at this specific incapacity of its enor-

mous material strength is bound to vent itself on Israel, for providing the incident that led to the demonstration of this incapacity and to death.

But also, Israel is the only country involved with which the United States has the capacity to exert serious pressure. That pressure can be effective if it is sufficiently motivated and sustained. I believe it is likely to be so, in time, in the case of Obeid.

Israel is likely, under pressure from the United States, to release Obeid unconditionally, contrary to Israel's current intention, but I don't believe that the release of the sheik will undo the damage done by his capture, and the responses to his capture. On the contrary, it is likely to

compound that damage.

The unconditional release of the sheik, in the circumstances, would provide certain proof that the holding of hostages on the threat to kill them — a threat made credible by occasional killing — are highly effective political weapons in the war against Israel. That lesson will not soon be forgotten. It is not conducive to a general release of hostages.

The release of the sheik would no doubt nullify those threats against hostages that have been declared to be motivated by the sheik's imprisonment, but other threats will follow, supposedly caused by other "provocations" of Israel. And Israel has really no choice but to continue to supply such provocations.

Every act of self-defense, on Israel's part, will be seen by the Hezbollah as a provocation. And the more successful any such act is, the more unbearable the provocation will be.

That being so, the Hezbollah is likely in the future to make repeated use of its not-so-secret weapon: the American hostages. The repercussions in America, in relation to Israel, seem likely to be similar to those reflected in the Dole statement, but getting progressively worse.

Some well-meaning commentators have drawn from the whole affair the moral that it is urgent to get on with "the peace process," which is assumed to be capable of producing general harmony in the Middle East (so resulting in, among other good things, the release of all the hostages).

The Bush administration may well

draw the same moral. It may well also increasingly interpret "the peace process" in an Arab sense: meaning a Palestinian state in the territories currently occupied by Israel.

If things develop in that way, Israel will be placed in an appalling position. It will be under heavy pressure, from its sole and indispensable ally, to do things that are incompatible with its survival. To hand over the territories, to anyone, would mean a serious danger of civil war inside Israel.

The Jewish settlers in the territories, who are now numerous, would have to be uprooted by force. Many of them would put up armed resistance against that, and would be supported by about half the population of Israel and of the defense forces. Israel's continued existence would be at stake.

As for "the Palestinian state," that would mean the creation of a second Lebanon on Israel's borders.

So Israel, having handed over territory at the cost of an agonizing internal crisis, would not get any peace in exchange. But the cost of rejecting "territory for peace" indefinitely and without a credible alternative might include the loss of the American alliance.

If Israel is to weather the storms that lie ahead, the Dayan dictum must cease to apply. Israel needs a foreign policy, as well as a defense policy, and needs it urgently.

(Conor Cruise O'Brien is the author of *Siege: The Saga of Israel and Zionism*.)

# Rational nations must close ranks against the threat of inhumane terror

By ABBA EBAN  
For The Los Angeles Times

Releasing Sheikh Abdel Karim Obeid without any reciprocal liberation of Israeli and Western prisoners and hostages would be a formidable victory for terrorism.

Those who advocate this course evoke understandable sympathy when they speak in the name of their personal kinship with hostages. But those who are charged with concern for international civility and public interest should look a few moves ahead, before suggesting action that would weaken the anti-terrorist cause.

International terrorism takes its victims and opponents into a world of difficult choices. There are no easy ways. The terrorist enemy has his

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hand on the throat of humane mankind and is not constrained by any of the compassions that cause tremors of uncertainty on the civilized side of the barricade.

There are only two solutions. One of them is to snatch the endangered victims from the clutches of their captors by physical force. There have been occasions on which this approach has succeeded, as it did in Entebbe.

In other instances it has been tried with heavy price as at Maalot in

1974 (when many Israeli children were killed by terrorists during an attempt by Israeli forces to rescue them by military action). Sometimes there has been tragic failure, as in Munich in 1972 when German assault forces tried unsuccessfully to liberate the Israeli Olympic team.

On most occasions, hostages are inaccessible to military rescue. In such contingencies there are only two possible courses.

One of them, practiced by the United States, is to stand fast and let matters take their course. This involves a rigorous subordination of individual interest to an overriding principle. Israel does not go as far as this. When there is no possibility of forcible extrication, we have not excluded negotiated exchanges.

But negotiation implies deterrence and incentive. Efforts by Israel and the Western powers to secure the release of prisoners and hostages from Shiite groups in Lebanon have been made fruitlessly over several years.

The capture of Obeid, an active and enthusiastic terrorist, was designed to create an incentive for the Shiite movement to enter the bargaining context. There was certainly no such incentive before.

The capture itself is not eccentric, nor is it an Israeli copyright. The United States bombed Libya with British cooperation, forced down an Egyptian aircraft carrying the hijackers of the ship Achilles Lauro and intercepted the terrorist Fawaz Younis

on the high seas in order to bring him to trial in the United States.

The bombing of Libya had graver human effects in terms of American and other lives than the temporary removal of Obeid from his home, but there were no senatorial cries of anguish then or since.

Those of us who have known the anguish of participating in decisions on anti-terrorist resistance have learned that a "wise" decision is simply one that turned out well in the end. The judgments of historians depend on consequence, not on intention, and the media now take the historian's role.

In these terms, a split second of reaction by Ugandan forces would

have convicted the Entebbe decision of "rashness" and a little luck in Tehran would have crowned President Carter as a champion of anti-terrorist "efficiency."

Under these conditions of incalculability, there is only one rational course. It is for the defenders of civility in the free and rational world to close their ranks and maintain their solidarity, in all conditions and despite all vicissitudes, in success or in adversity. The lines are drawn between the perpetrators of terrorism and their opponents, not within the anti-terrorist family itself.

(Abba Eban is a former foreign minister of Israel.)



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**8 Cardiac Rehabilitation Exercise Program.** 7 sessions, Phase IV Maintenance Program. Exercise groups held Mon., Wed., & Fri. 4:45-5:45 pm and 5:45-6:45 pm (\$27 monthly fee); Tues. & Thurs. 7:50-8:50 am, 9-10 am, 10-11 am, 4:30-5:30 pm. (\$18 monthly fee). Call X3355.

**9 Cancer Support Group.** On-going, for cancer patients and their families. Meets alternate Wed., 7-8:30 pm in the Social Services Conference Room. Call X3872.

**10 Pulmonary Rehabilitation Discussion**

**Group.** Meets the 2nd Thursday each month, from 6-7 pm in Conference Room 5A. Call X3355.

**New!**

**16 Premature Infant Parent Support Group.** For parents and families of premature

infants or children who have been in neonatal intensive care units. Meets 1st and 3rd Wed. of every month, 7:30pm. At Concord Hospital in Conference Room 5B. Call Janice Haesche, 435-7401, for information about this new program.

Looking Ahead:  
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**Diabetes Outpatient Classes** (9/11-9/27); **Freedom From Smoking** (9/11-10/23); **C.P.R.** (9/18-10/9); **Thinward Bound** (9/14-11/9); **Culinary Hearts Cooking** (9/19-10/24).

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## CONCORD HOSPITAL

# HEALTH NEWS

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## The heart of our philosophy for maternity care is your family

As they see it, they're here to help mothers deliver their babies, and they're here to coach new parents about being mothers and fathers.

They've been viewed by many as both caregivers and teachers as well as guardian angels. They're thoughtful, family-oriented, buoyant; they are the nurses of Concord Hospital's family-centered maternity unit - part of the team of obstetricians and nurse midwives that have for the past two decades made Concord Hospital's maternity program one of the most progressive and renowned in New England.

"We were among the first in New England to get going with family-centered maternity care and the first in the state to allow deliveries in the labor bed, as well as to promote non-intervention during labor. Today we combine this with the technology of the past decade, namely electronic fetal monitoring, ultrasonography, and options for pain control," notes long-time practicing Concord obstetrician and member of the hospital medical staff Dr. Douglas Black. "Over the years," he adds, "a real professional, collegial relationship has developed between obstetricians, mid-

when I'm working as a nurse - nurturing rather than just as a skilled medical technician."

It is this kind of care that the nurses deliver with an unwavering devotion that is born of working on a nursing floor committed to providing a warm, comfortable, safe atmosphere for nurturing the new lives they help usher in 24 hours a day, each day of the year.

Birthings take place in Concord Hospital's newly remodeled maternity unit (except for caesarean deliveries.) Besides refurbished, redecorated rooms, the delivery unit now offers a Jacuzzi bathtub for laboring mothers and a larger, more comfortable family room.

At the heart of Concord Hospital's philosophy of maternity care is the family. Central to it is the belief that all members of the nuclear family should be involved in welcoming a new baby into the world. As a result, siblings and grandparents are wel-



...and a kiss for good measure.

labor, delivery and post-partum care at Concord Hospital can expect very individualized attention. "We want to make each mother and father feel as if they are the only ones who have ever had a baby before," notes Gilly Sweeney, a 25-year veteran in maternity nursing.

While still in the hospital, there are many opportunities for mothers and fathers to learn about their newborns. The nurses teach about the baby's care through classes and demonstrations. A portable 8-mm movie unit provides a selection of films on baby care and making adjustments to parenthood.

"What we're trying to do," explains head nurse Lin Lavache, "is prepare young families the best way we can to go home with all the knowledge and resources we can give them."

And the emotional and educational support doesn't stop once the hospital





A big sister now, Logan Ebbets, 2 1/2, presents her newborn brother with a teddy...

Photos by Bill Finney

## Preparing for Childbirth

From the time of conception, parents enter a new and mysterious stage of their lives. A child, developing in the womb of its mother, can bring about feelings of joy as well as questions of wonder. Besides regular medical check-ups and a healthy diet, women today find their doctors or nurse midwives also recommend taking a course in childbirth preparation.

Concord Hospital's childbirth classes are designed to prepare new parents for the arrival of a newborn, providing answers to many of their questions. A popular program, the course is offered six times a year. Pregnant women and their support person usually enroll about eight weeks before the delivery date.

Cassandra Kramer, R.N., a recent mother herself, is one of the program's instructors. "The goal is to educate parents and let them know what their options are. We want them to make their decisions based on accurate information." For example the course discusses both vaginal and caesarean section deliveries. "We feel it's important they know and fully understand both," Cassandra says.

By looking at a variety of infant care issues, the course aims to give participants the chance to think through their individual approaches ahead of time.

At a breast and bottlefeeding class, Cassandra spoke of the pros and cons of each method. "Breastfeeding is ideal for a baby, the milk is already warm and it's convenient." She also pointed out that an advantage of bottlefeeding is participation by dads.

Each night's class involves a lecture and discussion period, and sometimes practice exercises. In addition, each couple is invited to tour the hospital maternity unit and nursery. On one visit, Tricia and Jeff Abbott, and Karen and

John Wheeler, all from Loudon, first went to the admitting area so they'd know where to check in. The tour then proceeded to the labor and delivery area and its birthing rooms, where Cassandra demonstrated the use of a fetal monitor.

Then she led the two couples to the nursery. "Once you have your baby, you can keep it with you for about an hour," she explained. "Then the nurse and the dad will bring it here to weigh, measure and check its vital signs." As Cassandra concluded the tour, the couples peered at the tiny babies who were bundled in cotton blankets and asleep in their bassinets.

Today, natural childbirth is an option many women choose. Because pain killers are generally avoided, relaxation and breathing techniques become a critical

part of this birthing process. During the final thirty minutes of each class, couples practice breathing exercises that will coincide with the different phases of labor.

Sally Spinney of Concord joined her daughter Stacey and son-in-law Jeff Kruger for the evening class. Mrs. Spinney said she plans to be with the

couple during the birth of her first grandchild. "I'm just going to be there for moral support," she noted. But her son-in-law differed. "The coach needs a back-up in case he passes out!" All three laughed and continued their exercises.

After two full hours of breast and bottlefeeding discussion, film strips and breathing exercises, the class ended, but not without a few yawns, stretches and some tummy rubbing along the way. With most of the moms expecting within a few weeks, Cassandra said she didn't take it personally. ♦

For information about childbirth classes, call Community Health Ed. at 225-2711, ext. 3053. We advise registering six months ahead of your due date.



Cassandra shares tips on how to relax.

ing Concord obstetrician and member of the hospital medical staff Dr. Douglas Black. "Over the years," he adds, "a real professional, collegial relationship has developed between obstetricians, midwives and nurses that has helped all to learn from each other, to the benefit of the patient."

Dr. Black feels Concord Hospital's maternity approach meets more than clinical and medical needs; it encourages doctors, midwives and nurses to provide the emotional support necessary to relieve the anxiety and distress that come with labor. "I feel I'm at my best," he says,

Central to it is the belief that all members of the nuclear family should be involved in welcoming a new baby into the world. As a result, siblings and grandparents are welcomed into the labor-birth rooms if parents desire it and there are flexible visiting hours following the baby's birth.

Last year, more than 1,600 babies were delivered here. An average 135 babies are born monthly, but in June alone, 168 new infants were ushered in. The numbers have earned the maternity floor a reputation as "a very busy place."

Despite it, each family going through

Babies receive extra nurture in the hospital

## Special Care Nursery

Settled in a large, wooden rocking chair in Concord Hospital's nursery, nurse Laura Karwocik gently cradles an hours-old baby. The newborn's mother is sleeping after a middle-of-the-night caesarean delivery and now Laura awaits a special visitor.

A shy 4 year old arrives holding her father's hand. Grandparents follow, their eyes alight. Laura greets them cheerfully as the father kneels beside his daughter. They peer into Laura's arms. The little girl's eyes widen in a stare at the swaddled, sleeping infant. Then an unsure smile begins to form. Fortified with reassurances from her father and grandparents, she gingerly reaches out a finger and touches her sister lightly.

Concord Hospital's newborn and special care nursery is a place for significant firsts in people's lives. It is a place of meetings, a place where new fathers learn their baby's birth measurements, where parents practice the skills of infant care, and sometimes where mothers learn to breast-feed. It is a warm, nurturing place, even when it is very busy.

Mornings are busiest. Day-shift nurses give babies thorough head-to-toe checkups, followed by pediatricians and family physicians making rounds to review each one's progress.

"We rely on nursing assessments that are done round-the-clock and these tell us how the babies have been doing," says pediatrician Nancy Van Vranken. "In many ways the nurses are our eyes and ears. We usually see newborns just once a day." Physicians also rely on nurses for much of the teaching accompanying the arrival of a baby, too, such as newborn parenting. Dr. Van Vranken adds, "They really do a great job."

Along the nursery's observation windows, viewers gather early one morning to pick out their special baby among 14 bassinets - an average number. With an occasional smile for their audience, the nurses tenderly examine babies and chart the findings. Soon the nursery is a

chorus of tiny, protesting voices.

Special training and years of experience hone the nurses' intuitive skills for knowing their newborns' needs. To most, the babies look and sound alike. But to nursing ears and eyes, each cry is distinctive, each meaning clear. So too are very subtle physical differences between infants hours old and those just a bit older. "It's a sixth sense," says 21-year veteran nurse Judy Flanders. "It comes with years of working with babies."

Recently, physicians and nursery nurses completed an intensive course in high-risk newborn care at Dartmouth-Hitchcock Medical Center. This advanced training and Concord Hospital's special care nursery with state-of-the-art monitoring equipment prepare staff to handle difficulties that sometimes arise.

"The special care nursery is a place where babies at risk for problems receive close observation," says Christian Hollowell, pediatrician and nursery medical director. Premature or sick infants, those with special maternal risk factors, and those whose vital signs are not stable are all cared for in the special care room adjacent to the newborn nursery.

Though mothers who experience unusually premature labor may be transferred to Dartmouth-Hitchcock where there is a neonatal intensive care unit, their tiny babies usually come back to Concord Hospital to convalesce and grow once they are stabilized. "We've cared for babies weighing as little as two and one-half pounds," says Dr. Hollowell. "Parents can feel confident that if they should run into unexpected problems, we're very capable of handling most things here and maintain very close



Nurse Ann Bradley watches over a premature newborn.

ties with neonatologists at Dartmouth-Hitchcock."

By late morning, the nursery is quiet and empty. Babies are with their mothers. But in the special care room, a new father stands with nurse Ann Bradley who has placed his infant daughter in a radiant warming unit. The baby, delivered by caesarean section in a breech position just hours before, was four weeks premature. The father watches intently as Ann examines the baby. Her reassuring words and relaxed manner seem to calm his fears.

"Her head is a little asymmetric because she's been curled up in her mother's uterus," Ann tells him. "Some of us probably started out that way too... And her hands and feet are a little bluish, but that's perfectly normal."

Ann's eyes and hands probe. "Her lips and fingernails are nice and pink, and so is her central color."

She places a stethoscope on the tiny chest and pauses. "As I listen to the baby's heart," she continues, "I'm listening for any abnormal sounds: arrhythmias, skips, murmurs..."

"But her heart sounds great!"

Like so many before her, this baby and each of the others will receive everything necessary to get them and their families off to the best possible start. ♦